

Official Diary

Tuesday, 24 March 1953

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1. [REDACTED] FBI Liaison, consulted me on the following matters:

a. He stated that Mr. Hoover was planning to send a letter to Mr. Dulles indicating FBI's desire to have its representative on the IAC limit his attendance to those meetings where matters within FBI jurisdiction were being discussed. I indicated that my view (felt certain that Mr. Dulles would be of the same view) was that the FBI should continue to attend all IAC meetings. It would be most difficult, if not impossible, to determine in advance whether or not matters within the FBI's jurisdiction, or of direct interest to it, would arise in a particular meeting. We felt that the NSC benefited directly from FBI participation, even though its representative made no comment since it could then be assured that someone with full knowledge in the internal security field found nothing to question in the particular paper. In other words, it was important to have the FBI's determination that a particular paper, in its final form, did not present questions of internal security. [REDACTED] assured me that Mr. Hoover's move did not derive from any dissatisfaction with the IAC or CIA, but rather from his desire not to be on record as concurring with particular papers where he was not staffed to really investigate the questions on which they passed. He undertook to indicate to Mr. Hoover the general views of CIA.

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b. [REDACTED] also raised a question as to the legend appearing on NIEs to the effect that all members concurred in the estimate. The FBI did not feel that it could concur in the estimates other than those dealing with some aspect of internal security. I agreed that some formula could be worked out on this. After my meeting with [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] to do so. This was later done and a revised legend for NIEs was agreed upon.

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2. Attended briefing session for [REDACTED]

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3. Met with [REDACTED] of the NEW YORK TIMES, with respect to certain matters discussed in [REDACTED] recent Sunday magazine article on intelligence sources. I requested that he be extremely discreet. It would be preferable not to have such subjects discussed at all, and he undertook not to do so. [REDACTED] raised the general question of public relations of an Agency such as CIA. I expressed respect for his ideas, although I also pointed out the extreme difficulty we would have in that field. There was no meeting of the minds in this discussion, but I regard [REDACTED] ideas as worthy of discussion with DCI and DD/P.

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4. Attended briefing for [REDACTED] and two of his compatriots, in the O/CI situation room.

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